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For: VARICELLA ZOSTER VIRUS (VZV) IMMUNOREACTIVE PROTEIN VP26  
AND ITS DIAGNOSTIC USE

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2005, a response to which is due March 4, 2006 with a two month extension of time. A Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee are attached. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are needed. In the event this is not correct, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's account number 08-1641.

Please amend the application as follows: